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SUBJECT: NSF/SFCP TRAVEL OF DR. BM KOSTANT UNDER GF-41958

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1. DR. KOSTANT HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS AT HIS EXPENSE FOR HIS TRAVEL AND THAT OF HIS FAMILY ON THE S.S. BATORY BEFORE NSF WAS INFORMED OF HIS TRAVEL UNDER GF-41958.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY NSF CONTACTED DR. A.O. BARUT, US COPRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR UNDER SUBJECT GRANT, WHO RECOMMENDED THAT EXPENSES FOR DR. KOSTANT'S ROUND TRIP TO POLAND BE PAID FROM SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY FUNDS RESERVED UNDER GF-41958 FOR TRAVEL OF US PERSONNEL.

3. WHEN NSF INFORMED KOSTANT THAT IT WAS NOT PERMITTED TO PAY TICKET ON S.S. BATORY AND THAT HE SHOULD TRAVEL ON US AIR CARRIER, KOSTANT REFUSED PREPAID TICKET FOR US-POLAND PORTION AND SEEMED SATISFIED WITH TICKET FOR RETURN TRIP ONLY.

4. SINCE THERE ARE NO DOLLARS IN GF-41958 AND SINCE NSF HAS NO DOLLARS AVAILABLE FOR REFUNDING DR. KOSTANT'S TRAVEL EXPENSES ON BATORY EVEN ON THE BASIS OF CONSTRUCTED COST OF AIR TICKET, NSF CANNOT REIMBURSE KOSTANT'S TRAVEL TO POLAND VIA POLISH CARRIER.

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